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JUDGE BLODGETT.
The Matter Brought Before the Bar Association.

A Committee Appointed to Find Out What the Charges Are;

And What the Evidence, if Any, to Sustain Them.

Remarks by Messrs. Jewett, Trumbull, Black, Lawrence, Ayer, Etc.

The Majority Believe that There Should Be an Investigation,

Although Certain that Its Result Will Be a Vindication of the Judge.

A Small Minority of the Association Opposed to the Appointment of the Committee.

ANTICIPATIONS.
The theme of conversation yesterday among the legal fraternity generally, and more especially among the two natural divisions of Blodgett and anti-Blodgett men, which have arisen since the charges against the District Judge first obtained circulation, was the special meeting of the Bar Association, called by the Board of Managers for 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The language of the published call was a little blunt when it proclaimed, in "good, set terms," that the gathering was to be "for the purpose of considering, if any, it may be proper for the Association to take in reference to charges alleged to have been made against the Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and to take such action in the premises as may be deemed best." But to the initiated, those who had kept posted as to the doings and contemplated doings of both sides, and who thought themselves capable of reading between the lines, and seeing through a mistletoe when there was a hole through it, the meaning of this smoothly-worded invitation was not hidden beneath the "pattering generalities" in which it was couched. From sundry grumblings the previous day, and from what was learned yesterday morning, it began to be generally known that the meeting would most probably explode a goodly amount of indignation over the refusal of the impeaching trio to produce the charges, and that certain formidable resolutions were preparing at the office of a certain lawyer who is apparently conducting Judge Blodgett's case for him, which resolutions would, if adopted, pour out the seven vials of wrath upon the trio, so to speak, and hold them up to public scorn and things. It was also whispered about that the trio didn't propose to be "like dumb driven cattle," to be resolved against, or to be in any way intimidated or bulldozed, but that they proposed to be on hand, or be represented by their next friends, hear what the other fellows had to say against them, and talk back. The prospect, from all that could be learned, was exceedingly promising of an interesting council of war with preliminary wordy skirmishes to give it zest and flavor.

SO TO THE LEGAL FRATERNITY OF CHICAGO, with the exception of such as were too busy engaged in the earning of fees and in imparting wisdom to comparatively ignorant Courts and juries, made all the necessary preparations to be in at the time. The result was a numerous gathering in the rooms of the Bar Association, of the lawyers of the city—some members of the Association, but a large number outsiders—the big and little, the high-colored and the gentlemen who may be said to be "off color" in the matter of fees, the distinguished, the learned, the good-looking, the friends of Judge Blodgett and his enemies, those opposed to investigation and those in favor of it, together with the coaching trio, the independents in the mass, the men who had not yet jumped to either side of the fence. Among the gentlemen present, the Tribune reporter was able to pick out the following: John N. Jewett, Thomas F. Withrow, W. H. King, L. H. Babcock, E. R. McGee, E. Walker, John M. Rountree, B. F. Ayer, H. S. Monroe, L. Miller, Alex. G. Smith, George C. Goodrich, Hugh White, John A. Steyer, Judge Trumbull, Judge Caton, J. O. Glover, George Herbert, F. C. Johnson, Martin, Ed. Mann, Adam Morgan, John P. Wilson, Isaac G. Wilson, Thomas Hayne, George Eymon, George Adams, George C. Campbell, Edward L. Kane, John A. Steyer, Samuel W. Packard, Thomas A. Moran, J. Lyle King, H. F. White, Elliott Anthony, L. H. Bontelle, Judge Brainerd, Judge Lawrence, H. H. Hurd, F. H. Kales, George Chandler, Stephen F. Goodwin, John Herrick, E. C. Bacon, George W. Smith, F. E. Chubb, Judge E. O'Brien, Walter Butler, George F. Blankie, George Willard, L. N. Stiles, William F. Black, L. H. Hough, O. H. Horton, W. H. Mason, M. W. Fuller, Col. Waterman, A. B. Mason, and others. Only one of the impeaching trio—Mr. Sheldon, the Secretary—was in appearance in person.

JUST HOW FAR THE GENERAL EXPECTATION as to what the meeting would do was realized, the following report of the proceedings will show. The Association was called to order at a quarter after 3 o'clock by Vice-President Judge who asked the Secretary to read the call for the meeting.

MR. JEWETT.
Mr. John N. Jewett arose and said: Something more than two weeks ago the public press of this city somewhat startled many of us by the announcement that certain members of the profession in Chicago were at the City of Washington endeavoring to get before Congress certain petitions or statements affecting the official integrity of the Hon. Charles B. Brainerd, which the impeaching trio of Judges Blodgett, E. O'Brien, Walter Butler, George F. Blankie, George Willard, L. N. Stiles, William F. Black, L. H. Hough, O. H. Horton, W. H. Mason, M. W. Fuller, Col. Waterman, A. B. Mason, and others. Only one of the impeaching trio—Mr. Sheldon, the Secretary—was in appearance in person.

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